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¶1. (SBU) Econoff July 29 previewed with MFA Director of  
Bilateral Relations Dr. Dhafer Al-Umran reftel draft joint  
statement for the GCC 2 meeting in Sharm el-Sheikh. Dr.  
Dhafer welcomed receipt of the draft and said he would  
immediately relay it to Minister of Foreign Affairs Shaikh  
Khalid Bin Ahmed, who will break his vacation in France to  
head the Bahraini delegation.

¶2. (SBU) Dhafer confirmed to Econoff July 30 that Shaikh  
Khalid had received the draft statement. Dhafer promised to  
provide any feedback as soon as possible ahead of the July 31  
GCC 2 meeting.

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